



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Harald LIGTENBERG et al.

Confirmation No.: 2220

Application No.: 10/553,188

Group Art Unit: 1794

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Examiner: James C. YAGER

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PIPE SLEEVES FROM MINERAL WOOL**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response, pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to the Final, Office Action having a mailing date of November 23, 2009. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire February 23, 2010. In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments of Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.